DEPOSITION OF WITNESS

(Chapter XXIII code of Criminal Procedure)

In the Court of XI Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases

(CBI Cases Relating to Banks and Financial Institutions)

Chennai - 600 001.

Calendar Case	: C.C. No.46/2015
Deposition of witness for	: PW-8 (LW15) B Hari Gopal
Name of the witness	: Mr. B.Hari Gopal
Father's name	: Mr. R Balasubramanian
Age	: 60 years
Occupation	: Charted Accountant
Address	: Plot No.A17, Maitri 54, Jubliee Road, West Mambalam, Chennai.

Solemnly affirmed in accordance with the provisions of Oaths Act, 1969 (Central Act 44 of 1969) on the 25th day of June 2025.

(A1, A2, A6 are present. A3, A5 Charge abated, A4 absent. Petition u/s.317 CRPC filed and allowed).

Chief Examination :

I am practising as a Charted Accountant in the above address in the name and style of Soundaravalli Hari Gopal & Co. I have received requistion from Regional Office of the Central Bank of India for conducting stock/receivable audit of M/s.Exim focus, Chennai. Accordingly I have conducted Audit and submitted my report dated 26.06.2014 to the Bank. It is marked as **Ex.P106 (10 Sheets).** I personally inspected the Onion Stock physically at Chindamani, Karnataka State. During my Inspection General Ledger, Bank Book and Stock

Registers were not available for inspection. In the report, I have mentioned that the drawing power of M/s.EXIM focus was at Rs.405.90 Lakhs. Based on the stock statement given to the Bank by the borrower I have mentioned about the drawing power. During my visit General Ledger, Bank Book and Stock Registers were not available. Similarly, Purchase Bills and Certificate of Holding of Stock on behalf the borrower were not available. Godown Rental Agreement was not produced during my inspection and I could not verify the ownership of the stock. In my report, I have made following observations:

On the date of inspection, the account became NPA. Advances to the suppliers and Farmers to the tune of Rs.270 Lakhs in stock statement submitted to the Bank. However, the receipts were not available for verification. Most of the advances were made in cash. Receivable as on 31.05.2014 include Rs.59.63 Lakhs relating to the sale of DEPB licenses. We did not consider this as receivables. As such, receivable as on 31.05.2014 include Rs.125 Lakhs for which actual invoices were raised only in June 2014. It should not be considered as Book Debt for the month of May 2014. Further, I made observation that borrower needs to be strengthened Book of Accounts maintainance process. At the time of inspection, they were not in position to provide to me since it was not updated. CBI inquired in this regard.

(Learned Counsel for all accused represented that they have no cross examination against this witness. Witness seems to be suffering from critical illness and the recall of this witness cannot be allowed as a matter of routine).

Taken down before me in the open court read over to the witness and acknowledged by him/her to be correct.

VADIVELU T P

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